

**106<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS**  
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**VETERANS-RELATED LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN THE U.S. SENATE**

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**1. S. CON. RES. 12**

**Sponsor:** Collins, *et al.*

**Title:** A concurrent resolution requesting that the United States Postal Service issue a commemorative postage stamp honoring the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

**Latest Action:** Feb 22, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

**2. S. RES. 35**

**Sponsor:** Snowe

**Title:** A resolution relating to the treatment of veterans with Alzheimer's disease.

**Latest Action:** Feb 11, 1999. Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**3. S. J. RES.18**

**Sponsor:** Shelby, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A joint resolution honoring World War II crewmembers of the U.S.S. Alabama on the occasion of the 1999 annual reunion of the U.S.S. Alabama Crewmen's Association.

**Latest Action:** Apr 13, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

**4. S. J. RES. 24**

**Sponsor:** Cleland, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A joint resolution conferring status as an honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces on Zachary Fisher

**Latest Action:** Apr 30, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

**5. S. 4**

**Sponsor:** Warner, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to improve pay and retirement equity for members of the Armed Forces and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Feb 24, 1999. Measure passed Senate, amended, roll call #26, (91-8).

**6. S. 71**

**Sponsor:** Snowe

**Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a presumption of service-connection for certain veterans with Hepatitis C, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Jan 19, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**7. S. 72**

**Sponsor:** Snowe

**Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to restore the eligibility of veterans for benefits resulting from injury or disease attributable to the use of tobacco products during a period of military service, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Jan 19, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**8. S. 169**

**Sponsor:** Cleland, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to improve pay, retirement, and educational assistance benefits for members of the Armed Forces; and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Jan 19, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

**9. S. 177**

**Sponsor:** Inouye

**Title:** A bill for the relief of Donald C. Pence.

**Latest Action:** Jan 19, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**10. S. 191**

**Sponsor:** Inouye

**Title:** A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to determine the validity of the claims of certain Filipinos that they performed military service on behalf of the United States during World War II.

**Latest Action:** Jan 19, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

**11. S. 239**

**Sponsor:** Inouye

**Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise certain provisions relating to the appointment of professional psychologists in the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Jan 19, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**12. S. 312**

**Sponsor:** McCain, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to require certain entities that operate homeless shelters to identify and provide certain counseling to homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Jan 26, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**13. S. 329**

**Sponsor:** Robb

**Title:** A bill to amend title, United States Code, to extend eligibility for hospital care and medical services under chapter 17 of that title to veterans who have been awarded the Purple Heart, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Jan 28, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**14. S. 404**

**Sponsor:** Thomas, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to prohibit the return of veterans memorial objects to foreign nations without specific authorization in law.

**Latest Action:** Feb 10, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**15. S. 445**

**Sponsor:** Jeffords, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a demonstration project to provide the Department of Veterans Affairs with Medicare reimbursement for Medicare healthcare services provided to certain medicare-eligible veterans.

**Short Title:** Veterans' Equal Access to Medicare Act

**Latest Action:** Feb 23, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary (sic).

**16. S. 513**

**Sponsor:** Reid, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to designate the new hospital bed replacement building at the Ioannis A. Lougaris Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Reno, Nevada, in honor of Jack Streeter.

**Latest Action:** Mar 3, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**17. S. 555**

**Sponsor:** DeWine, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to continue payment of monthly educational assistance benefits to veterans enrolled at educational institutions during periods between terms if the interval between such periods does not exceed eight weeks.

**Latest Action:** May 20, 1999. Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

**18. S. 695**

**Sponsor:** Cleland, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Atlanta, Georgia, metropolitan area.

**Latest Action:** Aug 5, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**19. S. 771**

**Sponsor:** Robb

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the memorialization at the columbarium at Arlington National Cemetery of veterans who have donated their remains to science, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Apr 13, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**20. S. 940**

**Sponsor:** Specter

**Short Title:** Department of Veterans Affairs Employment Reduction Assistance Act of 1999.

**Latest Action:** May 20, 1999. Hearings held.

**21. S. 1022**

**Sponsor:** Dorgan, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to authorize the appropriation of an additional \$1,700,000,000 for fiscal year 2000 for health care for veterans.

**Latest Action:** May 12, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**22. S. 1041**

**Sponsor:** Frist

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit certain members of the Armed Forces not currently participating in the Montgomery GI Bill educational assistance program to participate in that program, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** May 13, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**23. S.1076**

**Sponsor:** Specter

**Short Title:** Veterans Benefits Act of 1999.

**Latest Title:** An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance programs providing health care and other benefits for veterans, to authorize major medical facility projects, to reform eligibility for burial in Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Sep 9, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**24. S.1087**

**Sponsor:** Hutchinson

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to add bronchioloalveolar carcinoma to the list of diseases presumed to be service-connected for certain radiation-exposed veterans.

**Latest Action:** May 20, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**25. S. 1115**

**Sponsor:** Specter

**Latest Title:** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, area.

**Latest Action:** May 25, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**26. S. 1146**

**Sponsor:** Daschle, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve access of veterans to emergency medical care in non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities.

**Latest Action:** May 27, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**27. S. 1182**

**Sponsor:** Domenici

**Latest Title:** A bill to authorize the use of flat grave markers to extend the useful life of the Santa Fe National Cemetery, New Mexico, and to allow more veterans the honor and choice of being buried in the cemetery.

**Latest Action:** May 27, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**28. S. 1215**

**Sponsor:** Dodd, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish headstones or markers for marked graves of, or to otherwise commemorate, certain individuals.

**Latest Action:** Jun 10, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

**29. S. 1238**

**Sponsor:** Hutchinson, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to the surviving spouses of certain former prisoners of war dying with a service-connected disability related totally disabling at the time of death.

**Latest Action:** Jun 17, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

**30. S. 1250**

**Sponsor:** Rockefeller

**Short Title:** Veterans Long-Term Care Enhancement Act of 1999

**Latest Action:** Jun 21, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

**31. S. 1251**

**Sponsor:** Graham, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Miami, Florida metropolitan area.

**Latest Action:** Jun 21, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

**32. S. 1391**

**Sponsor:** Inouye, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Jul 19, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

**33. S. 1393**

**Sponsor:** Specter

**Latest Title:** An original bill to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans, to amend title 38, United States Code, to codify the previous cost-of-living adjustment in such rates, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Jul 26, 1999. Senate incorporated this measure in H.R. 2280 as an amendment.

**34. S. 1399**

**Sponsor:** Dewine, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that pay adjustments for nurses and certain other health-care professionals employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs shall be made in the manner applicable to Federal employees generally and to revise the authority for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make further locality pay adjustments for those professionals.

**Latest Action:** Jul 20, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

**35. S. 1402**

**Sponsor:** Specter

**Latest Title:** An original bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance programs providing education benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** 5/23/2000. Passed House.

**36. S. 1489**

**Sponsor:** Biden

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment to States of plot allowances for certain veterans eligible for burial in a national cemetery who are buried in cemeteries of such States.

**Latest Action:** Aug 4, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

**37. S. 1571**

**Sponsor:** Jeffords, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for permanent eligibility of former members of the Selected Reserve for veterans housing loans.

**Latest Action:** Sep 9, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

**38. S. 1579**

**Sponsor:** Snowe

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise and improve the authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to the provision of counseling and treatment for sexual trauma experienced by veterans.

**Latest Action:** Sep 13, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

**39. S. 1616**

**Sponsor:** McCain

**Latest Title:** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop within the Department of Veterans Affairs a system for collecting payments under the Medical Care Cost Recovery Program that utilizes collection practices similar to private collection practices, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Sep 22, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

**40. S. 1680**

**Sponsor:** Ashcroft, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to provide for the improvement of the processing of claims for veterans compensation and pensions, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Oct 1, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

**41. S. 1806**

**Sponsor:** Bingaman, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to authorize the payment of a gratuity to certain members of the Armed Forces who served at Bataan and Corregidor during World War II, or the surviving spouses of such members, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Oct 27, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

**42. S. 1810**

**Sponsor:** Murray, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify and improve veterans' claims and appellate procedures.

**Latest Action:** Oct 27, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.



**43. S.1956**

**Sponsor:** Snowe

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the assurance of efficiency, quality, and patient satisfaction in the furnishing of health care to veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Nov 18, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

**44. S. 1978**

**Sponsor:** Domenici

**Latest Title:** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national Cemetery for Veterans in the Albuquerque, New Mexico, Metropolitan Area.

**Latest Action:** Nov 19, 1999. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

**45. S. 2007**

**Sponsor:** Conrad

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve procedures relating to the scheduling of appointments for certain non-emergency medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Jan 26, 2000. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**46. S. 2264**

**Sponsor:** Rockefeller

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish within the Veterans Health Administration the position of Advisor on Physician Assistants, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Mar 21, 2000. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**47. S. 2357**

**Sponsor:** Reid

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive military retired pay concurrently with veterans' disability compensation.

**Latest Major Action:** 4/5/2000. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**48. S. 2402**

**Sponsor:** Cleland

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance and improve educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill in order to enhance recruitment and retention of members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

**Latest Major Action:** 4/11/2000. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**49. S. 2419**

**Sponsor:** Sen. Johnson, Tim

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the annual determination of the rate of the basic benefit of active duty educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill, and for other purposes.

**Latest Major Action:** 4/13/2000. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**50. S. 2494**

**Sponsor:** Sen Rockefeller, John D., IV

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide compensation and benefits to children of female Vietnam veterans who were born with certain birth defects, and for other purposes.

**Latest Major Action:** 5/2/2000. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**51. S. 2544**

**Sponsor:** Sen Rockefeller, John D., IV

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide compensation and benefits to children of female Vietnam veterans who were born with certain birth defects, and for other purposes.

**Latest Major Action:** 5/11/2000. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**52. S. 2631**

**Sponsor:** Sen Schumer, Charles E.

**Latest Title:** A bill to authorize a project for the renovation of the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Bronx, New York.

**Latest Major Action:** 5/25/2000. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**53. S. 2636**

**Sponsor:** Sen DeWine, Michael

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide pay parity for dentists with physicians employed by the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes.

**Latest Major Action:** 5/25/2000. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**54. S. 2637**

**Sponsor:** Sen Baucus, Max

**Latest Title:** A bill to require a land conveyance, Miles City Veterans Administration Medical Complex, Miles City, Montana.

**Latest Major Action:** 5/25/2000. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**55. S. 2640**

**Sponsor:** Sen Boxer, Barbara

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit Department of Veterans Affairs pharmacies to dispense medications to veterans for prescriptions written by private practitioners, and for other purposes.

**Latest Major Action:** 5/25/2000. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**56. S. 2827**

**Sponsor:** Sen Allard, Wayne

**Latest Title:** A bill to provide for the conveyance of the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center at Ft. Lyon, Colorado, to the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

**Latest Major Action:** 6/29/2000. Referred to Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**HOUSE-PASSED LEGISLATION REFERRED TO THE U.S. SENATE**

**1. H. J. Res. 46**

**Sponsor:** Maloney, of NY, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A joint resolution conferring status as an honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces on Zachary Fisher.

**Latest Action:** Nov 19, 1999. Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.

**2. H. J. Res. 65**

**Sponsor:** Smith, of NJ, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A joint resolution commending the World War II veterans who fought in the Battle of the Bulge, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Nov 19, 1999. Passed Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.

**3. H.R. 70**

**Sponsor:** Stump, *et al.*

**Short Title:** Arlington National Cemetery Burial Eligibility Act

**Latest Action:** Mar 24, 1999. Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

**History:** Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Jan 6, 1999. Reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, H. Rept. 106-70, Mar 18, 1999. Passed by House (428 - 2), Mar 23, 1999.

**4. H.R. 1663**

**Sponsor:** Calvert, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to designate as a national memorial the memorial being built at the Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California to honor recipients of the Medal of Honor.

**Latest Action:** Oct 21, 1999. Message on Senate action sent to the House.

**5. H.R. 2116**

**Sponsor:** Stearns, *et al.*

**Short Title:** Veterans' Millennium Health Care Act

**Latest Action:** Nov 30, 1999. Became Public Law 106-117.

**6. H.R. 2280**

**Sponsor:** Stump, *et al.*

**Short Title:** Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 1999

**Latest Action:** Nov 30, 1999. Became Public Law 106-118.

<b>VETERANS-RELATED LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</b>
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**1. H. CON. RES. 58**

**Sponsor:** Pallone, *et al.*

**Title:** A concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of veterans to the United States and expressing support for the goals of Veterans Educate Today's Students (VETS) Day.

**Latest Action:** Mar 17, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**2. H. CON. RES. 225**

**Sponsor:** Hooley, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States has an obligation to serve its veterans' health needs, that future congressional budget resolutions should reflect the ongoing need of the Nation's veterans, and that the Committees on Appropriations should provide the financial resources needed by the Veterans Health Administration to meet future demands.

**Latest Action:** Dec 30, 1999. Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**3. H. CON. RES. 226**

**Sponsor:** Rothman, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress concerning funding for health care services for veterans.

**Latest Action:** Dec 30, 1999. Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**4. H. CON. RES. 227**

**Sponsor:** Sweeney, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that special recognition should be given to the observance of Veterans Day on November 11, 1999, the last Veterans Day of the 20th century, as an opportunity to promote greater appreciation, especially among children, of the sacrifices made by America's veterans.

**Latest Action:** Nov 10, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**5. H. CON. RES. 255**

**Sponsor:** Traficant, James A., Jr.

**Latest Title:** Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding Federal spending on veterans programs and allocation of funds received by the Federal Government for claims arising from smoking-related illnesses or an increased risk of smoking-related illnesses.

**Latest Major Action:** Feb 16, 2000. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**6. H. J. RES. 34**

**Sponsor:** Stump, *et al.*

**Title:** A joint resolution congratulating and commending the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

**Latest Action:** Sep 30, 1999. Signed by President.

**7. H. J. RES. 46**

**Sponsor:** Maloney, of NY, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A joint resolution conferring status as an honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces on Zachary Fisher.

**Latest Action:** Dec 9, 1999. Became Public Law 106-161.

**8. H. J. RES. 65**

**Sponsor:** Smith, of NJ, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A joint resolution commending the World War II veterans who fought in the Battle of the Bulge, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Dec 7, 1999. Became Public Law 106-142.

**9. H. J. RES. 98**

**Sponsor:** Jackson-Lee, Sheila

**Latest Title:** Supporting the Day of Honor 2000 to honor and recognize the service of minority veterans in the United States Armed Forces during World War II.

**Latest Major Action:** 5/23/2000. Laid on the table. See S.J. Res. 44 for further action.

**10. H. RES. 177**

**Sponsor:** Baldacci, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A resolution relating to the treatment of veterans with Alzheimer's disease.

**Latest Action:** May 18, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**11. H. RES. 208**

**Sponsor:** Brown, of FL, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A resolution calling on the National Cemetery Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide veterans reasonable access to burial in national cemeteries.

**Latest Action:** Jun 15, 1999. Referred to the House Committee Veterans' Affairs.

**12. H. RES. 320**

**Sponsor:** Ewing, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A resolution recognizing the Korean War Veterans National Museum and Library in Tuscola, Illinois, as a National Korean War Veterans Museum.

**Latest Action:** Dec 30, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee.

**13. H.R. 24**

**Sponsor:** Gilman, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain improvements in the way in which health-care resources are allocated by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Jan 6, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**14. H.R. 70**

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**15. H.R. 71**

**Sponsor:** Stump, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the exclusion from gross income for veterans' benefits.

**Latest Action:** Jan 6, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

**16. H.R. 80**

**Sponsor:** Bilirakis, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the exclusion from gross income for veterans' benefits.

**Latest Action:** Jan 6, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

**17. H.R. 135**

**Sponsor:** Evans, *et al.*

**Short Title:** Veterans' Access to Emergency Care Act of 1999.

**Latest Action:** Jan 6, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**18. H.R. 284**

**Sponsor:** Sweeney, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require employers to give employees who are members of a reserve component a leave of absence for participation in an honor guard for a funeral of a veteran.

**Latest Action:** Jan 6, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**19. H.R. 289**

**Sponsor:** Sweeney, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to determine and report to Congress an appropriate tax incentive to encourage individuals other than members of the Armed Forces to participate as members of honor guards at funerals for veterans.

**Latest Action:** Jan 6, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

**20. H.R. 303**

**Sponsor:** Bilirakis, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who retired with over 20 years of service and who have service-connected disabilities to receive compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs concurrently with retired pay, without deduction from either.

**Latest Action:** Jan 6, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**21. H.R. 362**

**Sponsor:** Filner, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to extend commissary and exchange store privileges to veterans with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more and to the dependents of such veterans.

**Latest Action:** Jan 19, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

**22. H.R. 364**

**Sponsor:** Filner, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a Veterans' Employment and Training Bill of Rights, to strengthen preference for veterans in hiring, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Jan 19, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**23. H.R. 365**

**Sponsor:** Filner, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize the pilot program providing an opportunity for veterans to buy down the interest rate on VA loans, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Jan 19, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**24. H.R. 366**

**Sponsor:** Filner, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to amend the Small Business Act to establish programs and undertake efforts to assist and promote the creation, development, and growth of small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans of service in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Jan 19, 1999. Referred to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

**25. H.R. 374**

**Sponsor:** Frelinghuysen, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to notify local law enforcement agencies of allegations of a missing patient or of certain crimes or other misconduct at medical facilities under the jurisdiction of that Secretary and to enable such agencies to investigate such allegations.

**Latest Action:** Jan 19, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**26. H.R. 430**

**Sponsor:** Bliley, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend eligibility for hospital care and medical services under chapter 17 of that title to veterans who have been awarded the Purple Heart, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Feb 2, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**27. H.R. 566**

**Sponsor:** Vento, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct Stand Down events and to establish a pilot program that will provide for an annual Stand Down event in each State.

**Latest Action:** Feb 3, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.



**28. H.R. 605**

**Sponsor:** Stump, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve retirement authorities applicable to judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Jun 10, 1999. Subcommittee Hearings Held.

**29. H.R. 606**

**Sponsor:** Stump, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to amend titles 5, 10, and 38, United States Code, to make improvements in benefits and services for members and veterans of the United States Armed Forces recommended by the Congressional Commission on Servicemembers and Veterans Transition Assistance, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Feb 4, 1999. Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

**30. H.R. 625**

**Sponsor:** Ney, *et al.*

**Short Title:** Veterans' Education Benefits Equity Act of 1999

**Latest Action:** Feb 8, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**31. H.R. 652**

**Sponsor:** Sanders, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the allowance for burial and funeral expenses of certain veterans.

**Latest Action:** Feb 9, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**32. H.R. 690**

**Sponsor:** Smith, of NJ, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to add bronchiolo-alveolar carcinoma to the list of diseases presumed to be service-connected for certain radiation-exposed veterans.

**Latest Action:** Jun 10, 1999. Subcommittee Hearings Held.

**33. H.R. 691**

**Sponsor:** Stearns, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a portion of any funds recovered by the United States in any future lawsuit brought by the United States against the tobacco industry to be made available for health care for veterans.

**Latest Action:** Feb 10, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**34. H.R. 708**

**Sponsor:** Evans, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for reinstatement of certain benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for remarried surviving spouses of veterans upon termination of their remarriage.

**Latest Action:** Jun 10, 1999. Subcommittee Hearings Held.

**35. H.R. 784**

**Sponsor:** Bilirakis, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to the surviving spouses of certain former prisoners of war dying with a service-connected disability rated totally disabling at the time of death.

**Latest Action:** Jun 10, 1999. Subcommittee Hearings Held.

**36. H.R. 832**

**Sponsor:** Frank, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to restore veterans tobacco-related illness benefits as in effect before the enactment of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

**Latest Action:** Feb 24, 1999. Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

**37. H.R. 956**

**Sponsor:** Gibbons, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to designate the new hospital bed replacement building at the Ioannis A. Lougaris Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Reno, Nevada, in honor of Jack Streeter

**Latest Action:** Mar 3, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**38. H.R. 1020**

**Sponsor:** Snyder, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a presumption of service connection for the occurrence of hepatitis C in certain veterans.

**Latest Action:** 4/13/2000. House committee/subcommittee actions.

**39. H.R. 1069**

**Sponsor:** Goodlatte, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the memorialization at the columbarium at Arlington National Cemetery of veterans who have donated their remains to science, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Mar 11, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**40. H.R. 1071**

**Sponsor:** Evans, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill by establishing an enhanced educational assistance program, by increasing the amount of basic educational assistance, by repealing the requirement for reduction in pay for participation in the program, by authorizing the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make accelerated payments of basic educational assistance, and by reopening the period for certain VEAP participants to elect to participate in the program of basic educational assistance, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** May 20, 1999. Subcommittee Hearings Held.

**41. H.R. 1160**

**Sponsor:** Kildee, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish headstones or markers for the marked graves of certain individuals.

**Latest Action:** Mar 17, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**42. H.R. 1182**

**Sponsor:** Stump, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and improve the Montgomery GI Bill by creating an enhanced educational assistance program for enlistments or reenlistments of four years active duty service, and by eliminating the reduction in pay for basic educational benefits.

**Latest Action:** May 20, 1999. Subcommittee Hearings Held.

**43. H.R. 1214**

**Sponsor:** Evans, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an enhanced quality assurance program within the Veterans Benefits Administration.

**Latest Action:** Jun 10, 1999. Subcommittee Hearings Held.

**44. H.R. 1216**

**Sponsor:** Latourette, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that pay adjustments for nurses and certain other health-care professionals employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs shall be made in the same manner as is applicable to Federal employees generally and to revise the authority for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make further locality pay adjustments for those employees.

**Latest Action:** Mar 23, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**45. H.R. 1247**

**Sponsor:** Stump, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to expand the fund raising authorities of the American Battle Monuments Commission to expedite the establishment of the World War II memorial in the District of Columbia and to ensure adequate funds for the repair and long-term maintenance of the memorial, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Jun 16, 1999. Subcommittee Hearings Held.

**46. H.R. 1249**

**Sponsor:** Barr, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Atlanta, Georgia, metropolitan area.

**Latest Action:** Mar 24, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**47. H.R. 1286**

**Sponsor:** Evans, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the list of diseases presumed to be service connected with respect to radiation-exposed veterans.

**Latest Action:** Mar 25, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**48. H.R. 1296**

**Sponsor:** Barr, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish an outpatient clinic in the Seventh Congressional District of Georgia.

**Latest Action:** Mar 25, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**49. H.R. 1347**

**Sponsor:** Pickering, *et al.*

**Title:** A bill to provide for a Medicare subvention demonstration project for veterans, to improve the Department of Defense TRICARE program, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Mar 25, 1999. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Commerce, Armed Services, and Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

**50. H. R. 1387**

**Sponsor:** Johnson, of CT, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for Government furnished headstones or markers for the marked graves of veterans.

**Latest Action:** Apr 13, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**51. H. R. 1432**

**Sponsor:** Kelly, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide long-term nursing care at public expense to any veteran with a service-connected disability of 50 percent or greater.

**Latest Action:** Apr 15, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**52. H.R. 1476**

**Sponsor:** Evans, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish additional national cemeteries for veterans.

**Latest Action:** Jun 16, 1999. Subcommittee Hearings Held.

**53. H. R. 1568**

**Sponsor:** Talent, *et al.*

**Short Title:** Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999

**Latest Action:** Aug 17, 1999. Signed by President.

**54. H. R. 1594**

**Sponsor:** Gilman, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Apr 28, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**55. H. R. 1603**

**Sponsor:** Evans, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for permanent eligibility of former members of the Selected Reserve for veterans housing loans.

**Latest Action:** Jun 16, 1999. Subcommittee Hearings Held.

**56. H. R. 1628**

**Sponsor:** Brown, of FL, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Miami, Florida, metropolitan area.

**Latest Action:** Apr 29, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**57. H.R. 1663**

**Sponsor:** Calvert, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to designate as a national memorial the memorial being built at the Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California to honor recipients of the Medal of Honor.

**Latest Action:** Oct 21, 1999. Message on Senate action sent to the House.

**58. H.R. 1764**

**Sponsor:** Evans, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide limited authority for concurrent receipt of military retired pay and veterans' disability compensation in the case of disabled military retirees who are over the age of 65.

**Latest Action:** May 12, 1999. Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

**59. H.R. 1765**

**Sponsor:** Stump, *et al.*

**Short Title:** Defense Production Act Amendment of 1999

**Latest Action:** Jun 10, 1999. Subcommittee Hearings Held.

**60. H.R. 1799**

**Sponsor:** Gutierrez, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise and improve the authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to the provision of counseling and treatment for sexual trauma experienced by veterans.

**Latest Action:** May 13, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**61. H.R. 1961**

**Sponsor:** Hoeffel, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to designate certain lands in the Valley Forge National Historical Park as the Valley Forge National Cemetery.

**Latest Action:** May 26, 1999. Referred to Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

**62. H.R. 1973**

**Sponsor:** Doyle, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, metropolitan area.

**Latest Action:** May 27, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**63. H.R. 1978**

**Sponsor:** Chenoweth, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in Boise, Idaho.

**Latest Action:** May 27, 1999. Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

**64. H.R. 1982**

**Sponsor:** Boehlert, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic located at 125 Brookley Drive, Rome, New York, as the "Donald J. Mitchell Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".

**Latest Action:** May 27, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**65. H.R. 2016**

**Sponsor:** Gutierrez, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the provision of law requiring termination of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans as of December 31, 1999.

**Latest Action:** Jun 7, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**66. H.R. 2040**

**Sponsor:** Stump, *et al.*

**Short Title:** Veterans' Cemeteries Assessment Act of 1999

**Latest Action:** Jun 16, 1999. Subcommittee Hearings Held.

**67. H.R. 2116**

**Sponsor:** Stearns, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of extended care services for veterans and to make other improvements in health care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Nov 30, 1999. Became Public Law 106-117.

**68. H.R. 2195**

**Sponsor:** Norwood, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to provide for the establishment of a national cemetery on a portion of Fort Gordon, Georgia.

**Latest Action:** Jun 14, 1999. Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

**69. H.R. 2206**

**Sponsor:** Gordon, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to extend the period for beneficiaries of certain deceased members of the uniformed services to apply for a death gratuity under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance policy of such members.

**Latest Action:** Jun 15, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**70. H.R. 2280**

**Sponsor:** Stump, *et al.*

**Short Title:** Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 1999

**Latest Action:** Nov 30, 1999. Became Public Law 106-118.

**71. H.R. 2330**

**Sponsor:** Weldon, of FL, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic under construction at 2900 Veterans Way, Melbourne, Florida, as the "Jerry O'Brien Department of Affairs Outpatient Clinic".

**Latest Action:** Jun 23, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**72. H.R. 2660**

**Sponsor:** Filner, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38 of the United States Code to provide pay parity for dentists with physicians employed by the Veterans Health Administration.

**Latest Action:** Jul 30, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**73. H.R. 2685**

**Sponsor:** Bonilla, *et al.*

**Short Title:** Military Voting Rights Act of 1999

**Latest Action:** Aug 3, 1999. Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

**74. H.R. 2697**

**Sponsor:** Manzullo, *et al.*

**Short Title:** Persian Gulf War Syndrome Compensation Act of 1999

**Latest Action:** Aug 4, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**75. H.R. 2736**

**Sponsor:** Capps, of CA, (22), *et al.*

**Short Title:** Veterans' Emergency Telephone Service Act of 1999

**Latest Action:** Aug 5, 1999. Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.



**76. H.R. 2770**

**Sponsor:** Lowey, *et al.*

**Short Title:** United States Cadet Nurse Corps Equity Act of 1999

**Latest Action:** Aug 5, 1999. Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

**77. H.R. 3079**

**Sponsor:** Hooley, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish an outpatient clinic in Salem, Oregon.

**Latest Action:** Dec 30, 1999. Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**78. H.R. 3094**

**Sponsor:** Gordon, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to convey to the city of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, certain real property located at the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

**Latest Action:** Dec 30, 1999. Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**79. H.R. 3193**

**Sponsor:** Evans, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reestablish the duty of the Department of Veterans Affairs to assist claimants for benefits in developing claims and to clarify the burden of proof for such claims.

**Latest Action:** Dec 30, 1999. Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.

**80. H.R. 3199**

**Sponsor:** Filner, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the San Diego, California, metropolitan area.

**Latest Action:** Dec 30, 1999. Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.

**81. H.R. 3227**

**Sponsor:** Mink, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to exempt amounts owed for prescription drugs and medical supplies dispensed by Department of Veterans Affairs pharmacies from otherwise applicable interest charges and administrative cost charges imposed on indebtedness to the United States resulting from the provision of medical care or services by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Dec 30, 1999. Referred to the House Subcommittee on Health.

**82. H.R. 3230**

**Sponsor:** Stupak, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that a disease that is incurred or aggravated by a member of a reserve component in the performance of duty while performing inactive duty training shall be considered to be service-connected for purposes of benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Dec 30, 1999. Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.

**83. H.R. 3256**

**Sponsor:** Pascrell, *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve outreach program carried out by the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide for more fully informing veterans of benefits available to them under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

**Latest Action:** Dec 30, 1999. Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.

**84. H.R. 3335**

**Sponsor:** Wilson, of NM, (01), *et al.*

**Latest Title:** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Albuquerque, New Mexico, metropolitan area.

**Latest Action:** Dec 30, 1999. Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.

**85. H.R.3571**

**Sponsor:** Maloney, Carolyn B.

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide housing loan benefits for the purchase of residential cooperative apartment units.

**Latest Action:** Feb 2, 2000. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**86. H.R. 3574**

**Sponsor:** Tancredo

**Latest Title:** To provide for the improvement of the processing of claims for veterans compensation and pension, and for other purposes.

**Latest Action:** Feb 2, 2000. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**87. H.R. 3651**

**Sponsor:** Peterson, Collin C.

**Latest Title:** To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a presumption of service connection for certain specified diseases and disabilities in the case of veterans who were exposed during military service to carbon tetrachloride.

**Latest Action:** Feb 14, 2000. Referred to House committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**88. H.R. 3678**

**Sponsor:** Collins, Mac

**Latest Title:** To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the allowance for burial and funeral expenses of certain veterans.

**Latest Action:** Feb 16, 2000. Referred to House committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**89. H.R. 3696**

**Sponsor:** Traficant, James A., Jr.

**Latest Title:** To establish the President's Commission on Veterans and Smoking.

**Latest Action:** Feb 16, 2000. Referred to House committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**90. H.R. 3713**

**Sponsor:** Jenkins, William L.

**Latest Title:** To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to release a reversionary interest of the United States in certain real property previously conveyed to the State of Tennessee.

**Latest Action:** Feb 29, 2000. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs

**91. H.R. 3806**

**Sponsor:** Mink, Patsy T.

**Latest Title:** To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to add certain identifying information to the inscriptions on the markers on certain graves in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific containing the remains of certain unknowns who died in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

**Latest Action:** March 1, 2000. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs

**92. H.R. 3816**

**Sponsor:** Stupak, Bart

**Latest Title:** To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that a stroke or heart attack that is incurred or aggravated by a member of a reserve component in the performance of duty while performing inactive duty training shall be considered to be service-connected for purposes of benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

**Latest Action:** 4/13/2000. House committee/subcommittee actions.

**93. H.R. 3998**

**Sponsor:** Evans, Lane

**Latest Title:** To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that the rate of compensation paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs for the service-connected loss of one or both breasts due to a radical mastectomy shall be the same as the rate for the service-connected loss or loss of use of one or more creative organs.

**Latest Action:** 4/13/2000. House committee/subcommittee actions.

**94. H.R. 4131**

**Sponsor:** Stump

**Latest Title:** To increase, effective December 1, 2000, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans.

**Latest Major Action:** 4/13/2000. House committee/subcommittee actions.

**95. H.R. 4268**

**Sponsor:** Rep. Bob, Stump

**Latest Title:** To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase amounts of educational assistance for veterans under the Montgomery GI Bill and to enhance programs providing educational benefits under that title, and for other purposes.

**Latest Major Action:** 5/19/2000. House preparation for floor.

**96. H.R. 4302**

**Sponsor:** Rep Engel, Eliot L.

**Latest Title:** To authorize a project for the renovation of the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Bronx, New York.

**Latest Major Action:** 6/23/2000. Referred to House Subcommittee.

**97. H.R. 4334**

**Sponsor:** Rep Shows, Ronnie

**Latest Title:** To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the annual determination of the rate of the basic benefit of active duty educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill, and for other purposes.

**Latest Major Action:** 6/23/2000. Referred to Subcommittee of House Committee on Armed Services; Subcommittee of House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**98. H.R. 4369**

**Sponsor:** Rep Lucas, Ken

**Latest Title:** To amend title 10, United States Code, to improve access to benefits under the TRICARE program; to extend and improve certain demonstration programs under the Defense Health Program, and for other purposes.

**Latest Major Action:** 6/23/2000. Referred to Subcommittee of House Committee on Armed Services; Subcommittee of House Committee on Government Reform; Subcommittee of House Committee on Commerce; Subcommittee of House Committee on Veterans' Affairs; Subcommittee of House Committee on Ways and Means.

**99. H.R. 4376**

**Sponsor:** Rep Stump, Bob

**Latest Title:** To amend title 38, United States Code, to permit certain members of the Individual Ready Reserve to participate in the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program.

**Latest Major Action:** 6/23/2000. Referred to Subcommittee of House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**100. H.R. 4488**

**Sponsor:** Rep Evans, Lane

**Latest Title:** To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide benefits for children of women Vietnam veterans who suffer from certain types of birth defects, and for other purposes.

**Latest Major Action:** 6/23/2000. Referred to Subcommittee of House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**101. H.R. 4522**

**Sponsor:** Rep Peterson, Collin C.

**Latest Title:** To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a presumption of service connection for certain specified diseases and disabilities in the case of veterans who were exposed during military service to carbon tetrachloride.

**Latest Major Action:** 6/23/2000. Referred to Subcommittee of House Committee on Veterans' Affairs..

**102. H.R. 4575**

**Sponsor:** Rep Weldon, Dave

**Latest Title:** To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of inpatient medical care services by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans in areas remote from Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers.

**Latest Major Action:** 6/23/2000. Referred to Subcommittee of House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**103. H.R. 4684**

**Sponsor:** Rep Saxton, Jim

**Latest Title:** To establish a demonstration project to provide for Medicare reimbursement for health care services provided to certain Medicare-eligible veterans in selected facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Latest Major Action:** 6/26/2000. Referred to Subcommittee of House Committee on Veterans' Affairs; Subcommittee of House Committee on Commerce, and Subcommittee of House Committee on Ways and Means .

**104. H.R. 4709**

**Sponsor:** Rep Gilman, Benjamin A.

**Latest Title:** To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of a monthly stipend to the surviving parents (known as "Gold Star parents") of members of the Armed Forces who die during a period of war.

**Latest Major Action:** 6/21/2000. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**105. H.R. 4716**

**Sponsor:** Rep Stupak, Bart

**Latest Title:** To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that the rate of reimbursement for motor vehicle travel under the beneficiary travel program of the Department of Veterans Affairs shall be the same as the rate for private vehicle reimbursement for Federal employees.

**Latest Major Action:** 6/21/2000. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**106. H.R. 4720**

**Sponsor:** Rep Forbes. Michael P.

**Latest Title:** To provide veterans benefits to individuals who serve in the United States merchant marine during a period of war.

**Latest Major Action:** 6/22/2000. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**107. H.R. 4734**

**Sponsor:** Rep Baldwin, Tammy

**Latest Title:** To establish a National Center for Military Deployment Health Research to provide an independent means for the conduct and coordination of research into issues relating to the deployment of members of the Armed Forces overseas, and for other purposes.

**Latest Major Action:** 6/23/2000. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs and House Committee on Armed Services.

**108. H.R. 4759**

**Sponsor:** Rep Stearns, Cliff

**Latest Title:** To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the personnel system of the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes.

**Latest Major Action:** 6/26/2000. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**109. H.R. 4760**

**Sponsor:** Rep Stupak, Bart

**Latest Title:** To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a presumption of service connection for injuries classified as cold weather injuries which occur in veterans who while engaged in military operations had sustained exposure to cold weather.

**Latest Major Action:** 6/26/2000. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**110. H.R. 4765**

**Sponsor:** Rep Quinn, Jack

**Latest Title:** To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve employment and training services provided to veterans and disabled veterans by requiring the use of measurable performance outcomes in an era of electronic-based self services and one-stop career service centers.

**Latest Major Action:** 7/11/2000. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**111. H.R. 4785**

**Sponsor:** Rep Kelly, Sue W.

**Latest Title:** To amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the provisions of law relating to the payment of accrued benefits by the Department of Veterans Affairs in the case of the death of a veteran with a pending claim for an increase in service-connected disability rating.

**Latest Major Action:** 6/29/2000. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**112. H.R. 4791**

**Sponsor:** Rep Hayworth, J. D.

**Latest Title:** To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a presumption of service connection for the occurrence of hepatitis C in certain veterans.

**Latest Major Action:** 6/29/2000. Referred to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.